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NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C

THE NRO STAFF

June 8, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: OMB Staff Report

You will recall that General Allen recently sent to you a copy of an OMB Staff Report, titled "An Evaluation of the Collection, Analysis, and Distribution of Intelligence Data on Soviet ICBMs, SLBMs, ABM System, and Space Programs," October 1972 (Atch 1). We proposed that the NRO respond directly to General Allen and further expressed the desire to be a participant in the cross budget resource analysis area (Atch 2).

Dr. Hall sent you a memorandum on May 18 suggesting a consolidated reply to General Allen from DOD (Atch 3). Subsequently your memorandum to Dr. Hall on May 21 suggested that he either send your memorandum forward to General Allen or include the gist of it in his memorandum (Atch 4). Dr. Hall forwarded an interim reply to General Allen on May 21. He has now returned your memorandum to General Allen, commenting that he believes the gist of it was incorporated in his response and that he feels its important to make a coordinated response (Atch 5). Dr. Hall's response to Gen Allen is at Attachment 6.

I believe that it is still important to respond to General Allen directly at this time for the following reasons:

a. Your memorandum made the point that NRO participation in intelligence community efforts should be extended into the cross budget resource analysis area. This was intended to provide an autonomous NRO voice where NRO assets are being represented or considered, rather than relying on any other agency to speak for us. This is, of course, similar to your role as a member of the USIB for matters affecting the NRP, and NRO participation on USIB committees.

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b. The IC Staff considered it appropriate for individual program managers to respond directly to General Allen's letter.

c. We are working with Dr. Hall's staff toward a consolidated response and we will continue to do so. In order to maintain an independent voice, however, and to respond to General Allen's letter addressed to you, I believe that a direct reply to General Allen is still required.

At the right are two letters. At TAB A is a revised memorandum to General Allen for your signature. At TAB B is a memorandum to Dr. Hall for your signature which will transmit to him a copy of your memorandum to General Allen.

RECOMMENDATION: That you sign the two memoranda at the right.

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